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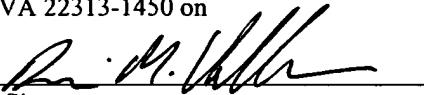
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In Re Application of:

ABRIGNANI et al.

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Serial No.: 09/011,910

Art Unit: 1648

Filing Date: February 17, 1998

Examiner: D. Wortman

Title: METHOD FOR PREPARING HCV E2 BINDING PROTEIN

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an amendment in the above patent application in response to the Office Action of July 30, 2003.

Applicants request an extension of time for months. Enclosed is a check to cover the \$ fee.

No additional fee is required.

Also enclosed: Return Postcard.

No. of Claims After Amendment		Most Claims Previously Paid			Extra Claims			Additional Fee		
A. Total Claims	12	-	20	=	0	x	\$18	=	\$0	
B. Ind. Claims	4	-	4	=	0	x	\$86	=	\$0	
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add 290								\$290	=	\$0
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)									=	\$0
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)									=	\$0
F. Total Amendment Fee (D minus E)									=	\$0

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- A check for \$ to cover the extension of time fee and extra claims fee is attached.
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-1648.

Respectfully submitted,

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